

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: fa-63a-41.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 602728

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:
Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The publication entitled *fa-63a-41.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). It does this by depicting a semi-naked girl posed and photographed in a sexualised manner. The intended purpose of the publication is clearly the sexual arousal of viewers with a prurient interest in children, and it serves to present children as legitimate objects of adult sexual arousal and, potentially, as sexual partners.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.